

PUBLIC LANDS NOT
AVAILABLE TO POORSenator Borah Finds Little Chance of
Relieving Congestion of Cities, as
Persons on Public Domain Suffer
Almost Equally With Those Who
Chafe in the Overcrowded Centers

The administration of the public land laws is scathingly arraigned in a letter written by Senator Borah, of Idaho, to Samuel Friedman, chairman of the American Anti-Congestion League of New York City. Knowing the Senator's interest in developing the West, Mr. Friedman wrote him asking his co-operation in the work of the League in diverting western lands thousands of people now crowded into the large and congested cities of the East. The Senator, in reply, assures Mr. Friedman that it is useless to take up his plan until such time as the theoretical conservationists untie the resources of the West and provide some means for the settler to make a home. His letter is as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter which you describe the condition of the congested districts in New York City and ask for assistance to send these people into the states that they may aid in developing the large tracts of uncultivated lands. I certainly sympathize with these poor people. I have seen enough of their condition to know how miserable they are. I am more than willing to give any aid I can in a practical way to relieve the situation.

"But in dealing with so serious a matter we ought to be practical as well as sympathetic. Doubt very much whether, under present conditions, it would be wise to send these poor people into the West to aid in developing the large tracts of uncultivated lands.

"The situation in which we find ourselves in the West at the present time does not justify us in transporting poor people to public lands. It requires, under the present administration of

public land laws, men of wealth to get a home on the public domain. I do not desire you to understand that I am writing this letter in a spirit of captious levity, but New York City and other Eastern cities are greatly congested with a class of people who have been actively engaged in tying up the public lands of the West for the last 10 years. Thousands and thousands of acres of agricultural lands are in the reserves, and as a practical proposition are not open to settlement.

"While the law technically permits settlement, the operation and administration of the law is such as wholly to discourage people from the attempt. It has come to be that every man who undertakes to acquire a piece of public land is looked on with suspicion, impeded and embarrassed by procrastination, technical objections and strained construction of the law. Hundreds of settlers on our public domain are enduring hardships almost equal to those of your own people, and for the sole reason the Government of the United States, instead of aiding and assisting the bona fide settler, throws about him almost every conceivable embarrassment.

"The files are full of letters from homesteaders who are at a loss to know how they shall ever be able to acquire title and stand out against this delay and constant embarrassment.

"Statistics show that at least 100,000 of our people are going into Canada every year for no reason, in my judgement, other than the manner in which our public land laws are administered. It may be that the East, in her congested condition, will see the common sense and common

justice of opening up the public lands to every bona fide settler, every man who goes there in good faith to acquire and make a home, and to aid him instead of retard him in his effort.

"If the new era is at hand, then I can say to you that you can find homes for thousands of your people upon lands which will make most desirable farms and upon which families may be reared with accompanying prosperity and happiness. But before you send your friends West, out of mercy to them I suggest that you join with some of us in an effort to stop this everlasting hounding of people who are in good faith trying to settle up the now worthless lands of the West."

Water Permits Issued
During Last Quarter

During the quarter ending March 31st, 1913, the State Engineer has issued several important permits to appropriate the waters in Harney County.

Thomas and Walter of Chicago, secured a permit to appropriate the waters of Trout Creek for the irrigation of 2,230 acres of land. The water is to be diverted in Sec. 28, T. 39 S., R. 36 E.

Tice Shull of Narrows secured a permit to construct a reservoir for the storage of 5,620 acre feet and a secondary permit to irrigate 925 acres with the waters of Walls Lake and Deep Lake.

J. B. Balcomb of Albion has secured permits to construct two reservoirs to be filled with the waters of McCoy, Castle Rock, Bobcat, Mosquito, Willow and Buena Vista Creeks, and also has a secondary permit to apply the stored water to the irrigation of 348 acres. The water to be diverted in Sec. 7, T. 32 S., R. 35 E. W. M.

Other permits have been issued as follows:

Adolf Schultz of Held, has a permit to construct a reservoir for the storage of 240 acre feet and also a secondary permit to apply the stored water to be irrigation of 110 acres, in Sec. 6, T. 25 S., R. 33 E.; A. R. Roehin of Oroville, from Little Willow Creek, for the irrigation of 40 acres, in Sec. 27, T. 39 S., R. 34 E.; Katie Parker of Burns, from Silvers River, for the irrigation of 25 acres, in Sec. 9, T. 22 S., R. 30 E.; A. & C. Gibbons of Riley, from North Fork of Chickahominy Creek for the irrigation of 265 acres, also includes domestic use, in Sec. 2, T. 23 S., R. 25 E.; Perry Lowe of Beckley, from Echart Creek and springs for the irrigation of 50 acres, in Sec. 20, T. 36 S., R. 32 E.; Agnes M. Tudor of Albion, from Juniper Lake Ditch, for the irrigation of 200 acres in Sec. 2, T. 31 S., R. 35 E.; J. E. Rouseville of Denio, from Trout Creek, for the irrigation of 240 acres on Sec. 30, T. 39 S., R. 36 E.; R. R. Grant of Albion, has a permit to construct a reservoir for the storage of 420 acre feet and also a secondary permit to apply the stored water for the irrigation of 70 acres in Sec. 9, T. 33 S., R. 34 E. W. M.

Hogs continue strong, while Eastern markets are lower. Demand is so keen that buyers continue to pay \$9.05 for the best light hogs. This firmness may not last long but exists for the week's close.

A better sheep house prevailed. Plenty of mutton and lambs to supply the trade with strictly prime wool wethers bringing \$7.50 to \$7.75, ewes at \$6.50 to \$6.75 and spring lambs \$8.75, the early part of the week, but quoted lower toward the close of the week's business.

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BLACKFEET INDIANS IN GRASS DANCE ON BROADWAY.



Blackfoot Tribe Performs in Honor of Women Along Street.

New York, March 20th, 1913. Broadway was treated to an Indian dance yesterday when Big Top and ten Blackfoot Indians, here to see the sights in connection with the Second Annual Travel and Vacation Show, performed in honor of the "women along the 'Gay White Way'." To music of tom-toms they danced for several minutes in front of the offices of the Great Northern Railway which furnished them a special car from Glacier National Park reservation, Montana. The above picture shows the

Indians camped on the roof of the Hotel McAlpin, living in tepees and cooking their food in pots, loaned them by Manager Hooper, who is entertaining them. The Indians are in charge of "Big Jim" Shoemaker of Montana. They arrived in Jersey City Sunday and were brought to New York on the ferry. At the first sight of the skyscrapers Chief Three Bears, who is 80 years old offered prayers. The band was awe-stricken. Chief Big Top, the tribe orator, was asked what his tribe thought of the city.

He likened the high buildings to mountains in Glacier Park. Those in the band are, Big Top, leader, Three Bears, Medicine Owl and squaw, White Wolf and squaw, Long-Time-Sleep, Fish Wolf, Lazy Boy and Cecile Ground, 8 years old, the daughter of a Carlisle School student. The band will be in New York for ten days in connection with the Second Annual Travel and Vacation Show at the Grand Central Palace, New York City.

Market Report.

Receipts for the week at the Union Stock Yards, Portland have been: Cattle 1789; Calves 25; Hogs 2432; Sheep 4585; Horses 2.

A higher steer market has marked the week's business in the cattle division. Monday showed a big run and bidding was keen and Idaho and Montana stuff brought \$8.40 to \$8.50 Thursday, with several loads from Stanford and Echo going at \$8.75 off the cars. The cattle supply throughout the country is limited and a steady market is looked for. There was a fine butcher trade, but demand exceeded the supply of heifers, bulls and calves, so cows sold up to \$7.40 and heifers \$7.75 and bulls \$6.00 and \$6.25, showing the strength of the market.

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the valley and when it thawed there was nothing seen of land here other than the top of Saddle Butte.

Louey says he would not be surprised that in years to come this will again be a lake as he does not understand about the floods of the middle states and the cyclones, for he feels the Creator has had some cause for such wrath in the elements. The old Indian is a very interesting man when he is in the mood to talk and he has been the means of the late Doctor Marsden securing many of the Indian myths and legends which will some day be published and given to the world.

Resolutions of Condolence.

To the officers and members of Tule Circle No 165 Burns, Ore. We your committee appointed to prepare a resolution of condolence on the death of our neighbor Delnora Kesterson submit the following:

Resolved: That we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of Him who rules the Celestial Circle above trusting in the wisdom of one who doeth all things well.

Resolved: That we extend to the husband and family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and pray that in the hour of trial they may be comforted.

Resolved: That the Charter be draped in mourning for thirty days. That a page be set apart in the records of the Circle for the memorial.

That these resolutions be published in the papers and a copy be sent to the family of the departed neighbor.

Committee,
Mamie Winters,
Ella Loggan,
Maud Horton.

AIM TO RAISE RIGHT
SEED FOR PLANTINGExperiment Station Superintendent Distributes all Available Seed in Order
That Greater Quantity of Particular Varieties May be on Hand Next Season. General Notes of Interest

BY L. R. BREITHAUP.

Field peas and spring wheats are well up and looking good. On some of the "lick" land, the winter wheats are not doing very well on account of the hardness of the soil preventing tillering. Wherever the land is good, winter wheat and wheat is making progress. The winter emmers and barleys were practically all winterkilled.

The oats and emmers are beginning to come up. The barleys will soon be up. Flax sowing is done. Several varieties of this crop are being tested out for seed production. Flax should do well on the new sod lands and perhaps will prove to be of value as a summer fallow crop on the dry lands when grown in rows and cultivated. In this way a crop can be harvested, as in the case of field peas in rows, and a good percentage of the moisture held in the soil for the use of a grain crop the following year. Potatoes, arichokes, rape and corn for stover are other crops that should be grown for this same purpose.

After all the sub-stations, co-operators and the Experiment Station had been allowed seed, there remained small quantities of several varieties of oats and barley and some emmer, enough in all to plant ten or fifteen acres. This seed has been placed with Dr. Hibbard and will be sown on his farm just north of Burns.

Dr. Hibbard agrees to sell the crop to the Experiment Station for ordinary prices for grain this fall after harvest. In this way considerable seed of these known to be good varieties will be available for sale to those of Harney County's farmers who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to get a start of them. Also, this planting will give those farmers who are located on the wet lands an opportunity to judge of the respective merits of the

various varieties grown on Dr. Hibbard's representative soil.

About 150 packages of rape and barley have been mailed out to all parts of the county. This, together with sample packages of oats, wheat, emmer, flax, field peas and alfalfa, which have been planted on all sorts of land under all sorts of conditions over the county, when reported upon by those co-operating, will add materially to the knowledge of both those planting the seed and those reading the reports as to the success that may be expected in each locality by planting these crops. Alfalfa for seed, grown in rows, will be tried out in a way that will prove beyond doubt whether it is practical or not. Field peas, flax and rape will demonstrate their use as summer fallow substitute crops. The Swanneck barley, Kubanka wheat, Sixty Day oats and Emmer are all valuable crops for all, whether on the dry or wet lands. Considerable quantities of these are being planted this year on the Experiment Station for the purpose of multiplying the seed quantity sufficient to enable the people of the county who wish to get started right, to obtain some of these seeds next year at a moderate price. Even from the small samples sent out, if care is taken, a good start can be had for next year.

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